

Our Young People

SAMUEL'S CALL—I Sam. 3:1-21

(Union meeting with Juniors)

Topic for Sunday, April 27

HOME READINGS

Mon. Apr. 21, The child's study, Ps. 34:11-22.
Tues. " 22, The child's purity, Ps. 119:9-16.
Wed. " 23, The child's honor, Prov. 3:1-6.
Thur. " 24, The child's humility, Matt. 18:1-6.
Fri. " 25, The child's duty, Prov. 6:20-23.
Sat. " 26, The child's kingdom, Mt. 19:13-15.

Where there are both Junior and Senior societies this meeting is to be a union meeting. Where there is no Junior society the children should be invited and shown how to take part, and if possible, let steps be taken to organize a Junior society. In the country where it may not be easy for them to meet separately, it can be arranged to give them a part of the time at the Senior meeting. A special committee might see that they have work to do and a part to fulfill in every meeting.

WHAT JUNIORS CAN DO IN THE MEETING

They can sing special songs.
They can look up references and repeat Bible verses.
They can lead in sentence prayers. They can pray together short prayers with the leader. They can answer easy questions on the topic. They can help on all the committees and thus be trained to conduct the work themselves.

In this meeting it would be well to have them sit in a body and their superintendent or other elder persons with them.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

This may be read in concert or by the leader. If by the leader it should be read so that all will hear and understand. It is a beautiful passage. The leader should bring out who Samuel was and how he came to be in the temple with Eli.

I. The work of children for the Lord.

I Sam 3:1. "Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli." Does God want children to serve him as well as grown people?

Lam. 3:27. "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth."

Ecol. 12:1. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." See also Ps. 148:12; Mt. 21:15.

In what ways can children serve the Lord? They can sing, pray, trust, tell the truth, obey parents, etc.

If we carry flowers or "comfort powders" (scripture promises) to the sick is that ministering unto the Lord? How do you know? Matt. 25:40.

If the child Samuel had a work in the temple ought not the children now be trained in church work?

Why is it best to learn to serve God in childhood? 1 There is less evil to unlearn. 2 There is more implicit trust. 3 Impressions then are more easily received and are more lasting. 4 Habits formed then will guide in later years. 5 There will be a longer time to serve. 6 There are many dangers which can be avoided only by being busy for the Lord. 7 There is a special call to children. Name other reasons. Let all repeat it. Luke 18:16.

II. The duty of parents and teachers to children.

What did Eli do for Samuel?

What can parents and teachers now do for children in their care?

Ought children now look to their parents and teachers for guidance? Let all repeat Eph. 6:1.

How did Eli fail in training his own children and what was the result? I Sam. 3:13.

brain and hand occupied before he can make any progress morally. You may say that such cases belong to a class of people who are used to misery and suffering, but that sweet faced mother could claim relationship with almost any of the EVANGELIST readers.

We were all glad to welcome Brother Bowman back, after his seven weeks absence. Yet, since so many souls were made happy in Jesus thru his preaching, we were glad also to spare him.

I am glad to hear of the continued interest the college and the work the theological students are doing. Does not this in turn encourage the S. S. C. E.? Those of the dear sisters that have been toiling month after month in a lonesome way, take heart and recognize this as a part of your faithfulness.

My heart is longing to visit these workers again, which I hope to do in a month or two. Any special requests in regard to the organizer's work will be considered if sent in time to arrange for it. This is mainly for Eastern societies where I expect to spend most of three months. I frequently hear from the western societies telling what they are doing. A letter last night from Hudson, Iowa speaks of the growing interest in their monthly devotional meetings. May the spirit of growth be manifest in all we do.

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Milledgeville, Ill., S. S. C. E. Notes

Altho you have not heard from us for some time we have not been silently sleeping, but have been working in our quiet way doing some of the little things of God.

We have for our president, Mrs. S. V. Hendrick, a lady who knows just how to plan the work in order to make it successful.

We meet once in every two weeks regularly to do sewing and have special meetings whenever we have such work as quilting or rag or carpet sewing.

On April 1, we served dinner and supper in connection with our apron and bonnet sale. We sold \$17.41 worth of aprons and bonnets and took in \$35.65 for our meals.

Just before Xmas we had a pastry sale and made \$18 and for the past few weeks we have had pastry on sale every Sat. We have been doing very well so far and expect to continue having our sales.

We have already paid \$125 towards the remodeling of our church, and last year we paid \$20 for janitor work and this year we are going to pay \$50 for the same purpose.

We are also going to have the hall and stairway papered in the parsonage which the church recently bought. We are very busy now and are planning to do some fancy sewing so as to be ready for our Christmas sale.

CORA MILLER.

We don't know each other's burdens—the weight or the beauty of them; and we don't often know what is inside our own. We shall find that out when we get to the top—Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney.

Is it right for parents to spoil their children by indulging them in disobedience?

What gave rise to the proverb "Preachers sons and deacons daughters are the worst boys and girls in the community?"

III. Advancement thru preparation.

Would Samuel have been called of the Lord to be a prophet if he had not been interested in the Lord's work?

Who are most likely to be honored of God, the boys and girls who go to Sunday School or those who play in the streets at that hour?

Is it an honor to be a teacher of God's word?

Ought boys and girls desire to be preachers or teachers or missionaries and begin to prepare for that work in youth?

Ought not parents dedicate their children to the Lord's work by prayer and preparation from childhood up?

IV. Learning to know God's call.

How did God call Samuel?

How does he speak to us now?

Would Samuel have heard God's call if he had been a bad boy?

Do boys and girls need to be taught just how God leads them now?

V. May we all learn to know God's will by obedience to what we do know?

Ought we be ready to do whatever God commands?

In what way must we become like children in order to enter the kingdom? Matt. 18:3; I Cor. 14:20.

C. F. YODER.

Milledgeville Notes

Since the first of April is now past some of our dear sisters will probably be anxious to hear about our Handkerchief Bazaar.

We wish to thank the many readers of the EVANGELIST who so kindly showed their sympathy toward us by sending us so many lovely hdkfs. We appreciated them very much and we know God will abundantly bless you for all the good work which you do.

I did not spare the time to write to each one personally but I will publish the names of those who sent hdkfs by reading a copy of our cards in the paper. Several names may have been over looked, but not intentionally. I have lost the name of the kind sister who sent us ten hdkfs.

The persons from New Jersey who favored our plea were: Mr. and Mrs. Moore and daughter Jennie. Edith and Melissa Hann and Mrs. Ella Race.

Those from Pa. were the Misses Olinger and Mrs. Anna Wagner.

Those from Indiana were: Mrs. S. E. Mason, Mrs. Oscar Lawshe, Mrs. Jacob Miller and Katie Hershberger.

Those from Ia. were: Mrs. Wm. Groesbeck, Mrs. Catharine Shutt and Jennie Whisler.

Those from Ohio were: Mrs. Mary Keim and Mrs. L. R. Ozias.

Mrs. Lizzie Miller sent one from Chicago.

We had also received many beautiful hdkfs from friends to whom we sent cards. Counting all we had about one hundred hdkfs and we were fortunate enough to sell all but one, which was a beautiful batinburg.